

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Stephen DiFiore	Team: Squad #7	CCRB Case #: 201903940	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Tuesday, 05/07/2019 7:40 AM	Location of Incident: § 87(2)(b)	Precinct: 63	18 Mo. SOL 11/7/2020	EO SOL 6/24/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Wed, 05/08/2019 11:57 AM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Wed, 05/08/2019 11:57 AM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address
§ 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b)

Witness(es)	Home Address
§ 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b)

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. DT3 Christopher Mcgee	2293	931819	WARRSEC
2. DT3 Jared Pilkington	3688	951059	WARRSEC
3. An officer			

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.DT3 Christopher Mcgee	Abuse: Detective Christopher McGee damaged § 87(2)(b)'s property.	§ 87(2)(b)
B.DT3 Jared Pilkington	Abuse: Detective Jared Pilkington damaged § 87(2)(b)'s property.	§ 87(2)(b)
C. An officer	Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b).	§ 87(2)(b)

Case Summary

On May 8, 2019, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint over the phone with the CCRB.

On May 7, 2019, at approximately 7:40 a.m., § 87(2)(b) was in his home located at § 87(2)(b), in Brooklyn. Detective Christopher McGee and Detective Jared Pilkington of the Queens Warrant Squad came and knocked on his door. § 87(2)(b) initially refused to open his door for the two detectives, and they knocked harder and allegedly damaged the door (**Allegations A and B – Abuse of Authority:** § 87(2)(g)). When § 87(2)(b) was asked if he knew where his wife, § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) was, he said he did not know. At this point, one of the two detectives allegedly called him stupid from the other side of the door (**Allegation C – Discourtesy:** § 87(2)(g)). § 87(2)(b) eventually opened the door and spoke to the officers, who told them that they were looking for an individual with whom he had no relation. § 87(2)(b) told them that he had no relation with the person for whom they were looking, and the detectives left.

There is no video footage of this incident.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Detective Christopher McGee damaged § 87(2)(b)'s property.

Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Detective Jared Pilkington damaged § 87(2)(b)'s property.

Allegation (C) Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b) was asleep at his home when he heard officers knocking on his door. He was reluctant to open the door because he was not sure that the people at the door were actually police officers due to not seeing any police vehicles outside. The detectives continued to knock when he did not open the door, which § 87(2)(b) alleged caused cracks to form in the wooden seam of the door and prevented the door from being able to be closed. He made this allegation during a 911 phone call (Board Review 01) that took place during the incident, during his initial complaint, and during his verified CCRB interview (Board Review 02). His description to the 911 operator was that “someone is banging my door down.” In his verified statement, § 87(2)(b) said that the knocking became “louder and louder” the more he refused to open the door. Pictures provided to the investigation by § 87(2)(b) depict the damage that he alleged was done by Detective McGee and Detective Pilkington (Board Review 03). The pictures were taken at some point after the incident and were provided on May 15, 2019.

Furthermore, while the detectives were questioning him from the other side of his door, § 87(2)(b) said that his wife was not home and that he did not know where she was. Upon saying this, he heard one of the detectives say, “You do not know your wife, her whereabouts. You are stupid. You don’t know anything.” § 87(2)(b) did not see which detective said this. § 87(2)(b) made this allegation during the 911 call, the initial complaint, and his verified statement.

Neither Detective McGee nor Detective Pilkington recognized either of the photos provided to the investigation by § 87(2)(b) which depict the damage done to § 87(2)(b)'s door. In his CCRB interview, Detective McGee denied causing any damage to the door by either himself or Detective Pilkington (Board Review 04). Detective McGee also suggested that it was possible that § 87(2)(b) was an emotionally disturbed person based on his unwillingness to cooperate with the police’s questioning and claimed that it is possible that § 87(2)(b) damaged

the door himself as a result. Detective McGee discussed the whereabouts of § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) with § 87(2)(b) but did not hear anyone call § 87(2)(b) stupid for not knowing where his wife was, nor did he notice any damage done to § 87(2)(b)'s door during the incident.

In his CCRB interview, Detective Pilkington also denied that he or Detective McGee caused any damage to the door during the incident and did not notice any damage at the beginning or end of his interaction with § 87(2)(b) (Board Review 05). Detective Pilkington also recalled discussing the whereabouts of § 87(2)(b)'s wife but also denied calling § 87(2)(b) stupid for not knowing where his wife was. Detective Pilkington did not hear Detective McGee say anything similar. Detective Pilkington observed the door as being intact throughout the incident. Detective Pilkington denied that he or Detective McGee caused the damage seen in the photos provided to the investigation by § 87(2)(b)

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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB case to which § 87(2)(b) has been a party (Board Review 06).
- Detective McGee has been a member of service for seventeen years and has been a subject in twenty CCRB complaints and fifty allegations, of which one was substantiated
 - 201607047 involved substantiated allegations of a premises search against Detective McGee. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD imposed formalized training.
 - § 87(2)(g)
- Detective Pilkington has been a member of service for eight years and has been a subject in four CCRB complaints and eight allegations, of which two were substantiated.
 - 201607047 involved substantiated allegations of a premises search and property damage against Detective Pilkington. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD imposed formalized training.
 - § 87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this complaint.

• [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

- A request for any related Notice of Claim was sent to the New York City Comptroller's Office on July 16, 2019. There has been no response as of the date of this request (Board Review 08).

Squad No.: 7

Investigator:	_____	Inv. Stephen DiFiore	_____
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Reviewer:	_____	_____	_____
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